

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ghodoussi. To anticipate a claim, the reference must disclose either expressly or inherently all the limitations of the claims in the four corners of the reference. The claims have been amended to recite a mobile robot that can move across a surface. Ghodoussi clearly lacks this limitation.

The robotic arms shown in Ghodoussi are mounted to a surgical table. The arms, including the arm holding the endoscope, cannot move "across" a surface. Ghodoussi does not disclose a mobile robot. The Ghodoussi system provides an entirely different function than the mobile robot recited and disclosed in the above entitled application. Ghodoussi discloses robotic arms that are used to perform surgery. One of the arms holds an endoscope that can be used for endoscopic surgery. The endoscope views a very small area of a patient. This is to be distinguished from a mobile robot that can move across a surface. Such a robot can travel great distances to provide video feedback to users both at the first remote station and a second remote station. Ghodoussi does not disclose or suggest a system wherein a first remote station can move a mobile robot while the user and a second user at another remote station view a video image provided by the robot. For these reasons, the Applicant submits that Ghodoussi does not anticipate claims 1-36.

The Applicant also notes that Ghodoussi does not disclose other limitations recited in the various dependent claims. By way of example, Ghodoussi does not disclose a mobile robot with a microphone and a speaker at the remote station so that the users can hear sounds at the location of the robot. Additionally, Ghodoussi does not disclose a mobile

robot with both a monitor and a speaker to allow the user to engage in video conferencing.

Finally, Ghodoussi does not disclose a mobile robot that is coupled to a wireless base station.

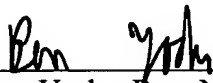
In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1 - 36 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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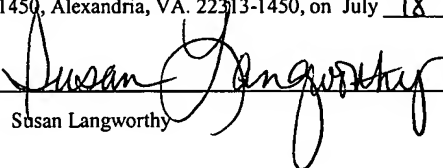
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